Development of model hospitals by ESIC

†971. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any scheme for developing model hospitals by Employees State Insurance Corporation;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the proposed hospitals in the country on the basis of above announcement;

(c) whether it is a fact that a proposal sent by Govenrment of Madhya Pradesh in this regard is pending with Government for its consideration; and

(d) if so, by when Government would take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ESI Corporation has taken over 12 hospitals from the State Governments for developing them into Model Hospitals. State-wise detail is Annexed, as per enclosed Statement (*See* Below).

(c) and (d) Standing Committee of ESI Corporation in its meeting held on 02.07.2001 decided that ESI Corporation will first develop the existing ESI Hospitals being run by the ESI Corporation as Model Hospitals. In view of this, ESI Hospital Nagda in Madhya Pradesh which is already being run by ESI Corporation as an Occupational Disease Center (ODC) is being developed as a Model Hospital. No more ESI Hospital is to be taken over by ESI Corporation to develop as a Model Hospital in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Statement

List of Model Hospitals taken over by ESIC from the State Govts.

Sl. No.	State	Hospitals
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Nacharam, Hyderabad 200 beds
2.	Assam	Beltola 50 beds
3.	Jharkhand	Ranchi 50 beds

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl. No.	State	Hospitals
4.	Karnataka	Rajajinagar 500 beds
5.	Kerala	Asarmam, Kollam 200 beds
6.	Orissa	Rourkela 50 beds
7.	Punjab	Ludhiana
8.	Rajasthan	Jaipur 236 beds
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Sahibabad 100 beds
10.	Bihar	Phulwari Sharif 50 beds
11.	Gujarat	Bapu Nagar-600 beds
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu-50 beds

Increase in interest rate on EPF

972. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to increase the interest rate on EPE considering the expected growth of economy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the EPF accumulation has been a strength of sources for Government's various needs of funds; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been a demand for increase in EPF interest rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Employees' Provident Fund Money is invested in accordance with the Investment Pattern notified by the Government of India under para 52(1) of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Demand for raising rate of interest on EPF

973. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that leaders of Trade Unions met Finance Minister